1	2	3	4	5
16.	Orissa	64,849	81,603	43,022
17.	*Punjab	14,279	12,447	2,188
18.	Rajasthan	79,685	70,873	56,772
19.	Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Nil
20.	Tamil Nadu	8,330	11,346	8,251
21.	Tripura		Information not furnished by the Board	
22.	*Uttar Pradesh	3,18,285	3,10,687	3,08,495
23.	West Bengal	96	53	316
24.	Chandigarh Administration	Nil	Nil	Nil
25.	Delhi	598	949	2,898
26.	@Pondicherry		863 (consolidated figure)	

For the Financial Years *viz.* 1993-94, 1994-95 & 1995-96.
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Stock Market

2267. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had a meeting with stock brokers and merchant bankers for revival of the stock-market and speeding up of the economy;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held and recommendations/suggestions received therein; and

(c) the action taken thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) to (c). Such meetings with participants in the securities markets are held from time to time for discussing general issues relating to the market. Taking measures for reforms in the functioning of the stock market is a continuous process and discussions in the meetings referred to above help in this process.

Alleged Shielding of Scam-Tainted Bank Officials

2268. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Finance Ministry shields Scam-tainted Bank Official" appearing in the Pioneer dated 7th September, 1996; and

(b) if so, the facts thereof and the remedial action Government propose to take in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Government have seen the news item referred to in the Question. It is not correct to say that Government is shielding any official as stated in the news item.

A request was received from CBI in July, 1992 seeking concurrence of Government for registering a Regular Case against Shri M. Gopalkrishan, the then Chairman & Managing Director (CMD), Indian Bank, in the matter of grant of credit facilities to a certain company and its associate companies in Singapore. RBI who was consulted in the matter advised that their scrutiny did not establish any criminality on the part of the CMD. RBI, therefore, suggested that it was not a fit case for CBI to proceed in this matter. The matter was considered by the Government and the views of RBI were accepted. CBI was informed accordingly in November, 1993.

CBI have reported that they have since registered a case in the matter.

[Translation]

Bank Branches in Rajasthan

2269. PROF. RASA SINGH RAWAT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has issued/ proposed to issue licences for the setting up of private sector or State Government sponsored banks in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some other States have also sent proposals for the setting up of banks;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the present number of branches of nationalised, private sector or regional rural banks operating in rural and urban areas in Rajasthan separately;

(f) whether the Government propose to set up some more branches of the said banks in the rural areas; and